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## From the Acting Director

Mark Baumler

In this, my final column, I am pleased to report on two major developments since our last e-newsletter.

First, following a wide and careful search, the Society has found its new director. He is Richard Sims of Prescott, Arizona, presently the head of the Sharlot Hall Museum (see the related article below). Staff had the opportunity to talk with Sims during three days of interviews at the beginning of May.

Over dinner one night, I learned firsthand of Richard's passion for western history, built upon a breadth of experience in western heritage research, education, and interpretation. Telling evidence of his enthusiasm for western history is revealed in the fact that he has written a regular and popular history column for the *Prescott Daily Courier* for a number of years. I trust he will continue to share his enthusiasm through this newsletter and other Society communications. I know Richard is ready and intends to hit the ground running. He looks forward to getting to know as many of you as possible as soon as he can. He is especially fond of Montana's towns and rural landscapes, so you can expect to see him in your community soon!

Secondly, if you've been following the news, you already know that the due diligence and appraisal studies for the Helena Capital Hill Mall property have been completed. In a nutshell, these studies concluded that the 13.4-acre property is worth about \$10 million and that there are no environmental and/or structural issues that can't be addressed by a major renovation. With this information finally in hand, it remains for the State to determine if the property is the best option for the location of a new Society. The State will also have to weigh the relative merits of converting the present structure or building from the ground up. The Governor's Office remains committed to addressing the need of the Society for a new facility while remaining site-neutral. The 2005 Legislature approved \$7.5 million in state bonding as the first step for finding a new home. And the Montana History Foundation stands ready to begin fundraising efforts once a location and design are in place. Now the Society—its Board, staff, members, and new Director—must take the next step towards realizing a new Montana History Center by completing the process for planning and decision-making. The result will benefit all Montanans and those who wish to know our heritage.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Acting Interim Director over the past seven months. My job of taking the Society from Point A to Point B—from former director to new director—is almost complete. I wish to thank the Society Board of Trustees for entrusting me with this role and the staff and the Friends of the Society for working with me to make it successful. Finally, I wish to express my ongoing appreciation to all who support the Montana Historical Society and its multi-faceted mission. It has been a good experience for me and I like where I see us heading. Forward into the Past!

## Richard Sims to Serve as the Society's New Director



The Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees has named Richard Sims as the new director of the Montana Historical Society. Sims has been a museum professional since 1979. He will come to the Society from the Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Arizona, where he serves as director.

A four-acre complex with several modern and historic buildings and a staff of twenty-seven, Sharlot Hall has much in common with the Society. Both are state-funded institutions with museum, library, archives, and preservation components. Thus, Sims' experience there will translate directly to his new role. Among his achievements at Sharlot Hall was the development and implementation of a \$4 million capital and endowment campaign for the museum.

Before coming to Sharlot Hall, Sims served as director of the Museum of Western Colorado for five years and as operations manager for the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff for ten years.

A Kentucky native and U.S. Army veteran, Sims holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Oregon, a master's degree in English from Northern Arizona University, and a museum management certificate from the University of Colorado.

He takes the helm of the Society in mid-July.

### Conferences and Celebrations Mark Summer and Fall 2006



The Society will put on a record number of multi-day events this summer and fall.

The State Historic Preservation Office has joined with the Montana Preservation Alliance and the Deer Lodge Preservation Commission to present "Doin' Time in Deer Lodge," the 2006 Montana Preservation Workshop. The June 24-26 conference will bring preservationists from across the state for an excellent line-up of speakers, sessions, panel discussions, and tours. To view the full conference brochure and download your registration

form, visit www.preservemontana.org.

Two education workshops in June will focus on twentieth-century Montana and place-based education, respectively. *Montana Mosaic:* 20<sup>th</sup>-Century People and Events Summer Teacher Institute, funded by the Montana Committee for the Humanities, will take place in Helena June 26-28. Twenty Montana history and English educators and librarians will gather with thirteen twentieth-century Montana history scholars to investigate topics explored on Society's new DVD, *Montana Mosaic:* 20<sup>th</sup>-Century People and Events, and its companion website. The Society will distribute the NEH-funded DVD to all Montana middle and high schools for use in fall 2006.



June 19-20 marks the Montana Heritage Project Summer Conference on Place-Based Learning in Butte. National experts on place-based learning will headline the two-event, whose speakers include president of the Rural School and Community Trust Rachel Tompkins and folklorist Guha Shankar from the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The conference is open to any Montana teacher, with both university and Office of Public Instruction renewal unit credits available. For more information and to register, go to http://www.montanaheritageproject.org/index.php/institute

or contact Marcella Sherfy, 406-444-1759 or <a href="mailto:msherfy@mt.gov">msherfy@mt.gov</a>.

The Montana Historical Society will once again join with the Helena Civic Center to co-host the **Twenty-eighth Annual Western Rendezvous of Art**, August 17-20. During the four-day event, the Helena Civic Center will be transformed into one of the best art galleries in the world as over fifty nationally recognized artists display their work. A Thursday night Western style barbeque at the



Don Pretchel works on a painting at the 2005 Quick Draw on the historic Sieben Ranch. The Quick Draw has long been a popular Rendezvous event.

Montana Historical Society, a gala awards banquet, a "Quick Draw" at the Sieben Ranch, and, of course, the art sale itself are some of this year's highlights. For more information and to register, call 406-442-4263 or email <a href="westrdz@aol.com">westrdz@aol.com</a>. To see some of the art that will be on display and photos of last year's event, log on to <a href="www.westrendart.com">www.westrendart.com</a>.

The Society will celebrate the grand opening of its new long-term exhibit, *Neither Empty Nor Unknown*, with a reception on Thursday, September 21, a full day of children's activities Friday, September 22, and free admission to Montana's Museum on Saturday, September 23. The exhibit focuses on life in Montana circa 1805.

Finally, September 28-30 brings the **Society's Thirty-third Annual History Conference**, *Our Place in the West: Views from the Yellowstone River Valley*. Thursday workshops will target topics of interest to educators, museum professionals, and preservationists. Friday and Saturday sessions will examine environmental issues, art, Crow culture, and more. Fun-filled tours of the Black Otter Trail, Plenty-Coups State Park, Yellowstone Valley agricultural sites, and Pompey's Pillar National Historic Landmark complete the experience. A conference brochure with a full list of activities and registration information will be available online at <a href="https://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org">www.montanahistoricalsociety.org</a> in mid-July or by contacting 406-444-4794 or e-mailing <a href="https://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org">www.montanahistoricalsociety.org</a> in mid-July or by contacting 406-444-4794 or e-mailing <a href="https://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org">www.montanahistoricalsociety.org</a> in mid-July or by contacting 406-

## Montana Articles Win Spur and Wrangler Awards

Two articles published in *Montana The Magazine of Western History* in 2005 won prestigious awards this spring. Jeffrey Pearson's "Tragedy at Red Cloud Agency: The Surrender, Confinement, and Death of



Crazy Horse" (Summer 2005) won the coveted Wrangler Award, presented by the National Cowboy Museum and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City. The award honors the best nonfiction magazine article on any western history topic. This is the fifth Wrangler awarded the magazine.

Appearing in the Spring 2005 issue of *Montana* was Paul Hedren's "The Contradictory Legacies of Buffalo Bill Cody's First Scalp for Custer." The article gained the attention of Western Writers of America, which awarded Paul Hedren a Spur Award in the short nonfiction category. This is the fourth article published in the magazine recognized with a Spur Award

Magazine staff met with Governor Brian Schweitzer after articles in Montana The Magazine of Western History won two national awards this spring. Tom Cook, photographer.

# Nominations Sought for Gallery of Outstanding Montanans

In 1981 the state established the *Gallery of Outstanding Montanans* in the capitol building's west wing. The gallery pays public tribute to Montanans who have made especially significant contributions to their chosen fields, including science, medicine, the arts, education, economics, the law, business, and politics. Inductees to the gallery are honored on a rotating basis, with two new individuals initiated every biennium.

The Society, which oversees the process, is currently seeking nominations for future inductees. Nominees must have been born, raised, or lived a significant period of time in Montana. No living persons are eligible for nomination. Nominations should include the nominee's name, birth and death dates, Montana association (place of birth, place of residence, place of work, etc.), field of endeavor, specific contributions and achievements, any supporting documentation or additional information, name and contact information for person submitting nomination, and date the nomination was submitted.

Return nominations to: Curator of Art, Montana Historical Society, P.O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, or <a href="klambert@mt.gov">klambert@mt.gov</a>. Call 406-444-4711 for more information. Nominations are due September 15, 2006. Honorees will be announced in November 2006. To learn more about this program, and to view a list of current and past honorees, visit: <a href="www.montanacapitol.com/exhibits/gallery/index.htm">www.montanacapitol.com/exhibits/gallery/index.htm</a>.

## **Society Hosts Four Student Interns**

The Montana Historical Society awarded its 2006 August and Mary Sobotka internship to University of New Mexico Ph.D. history student Scott Meredith. Scott will help compile a database and annotated bibliography of the Montana Historical Society's collections that relate to the African-American experience in Montana. The annual summer internship is funded by the Society's August and Mary Sobotka Education Trust Fund, established with a bequest from the Glendive-area couple in 2004.

Three other interns have also joined the Society's staff this summer. Montana State University history major Jessie Gable will work in the archives, processing the collection of Bessie Reed, a 1950s era representative to the state legislature. Western Michigan University senior Jonathan Watson will be working on a number of museum projects ranging from cataloguing collections to an interactive website for kids. Finally, Patrick Cross, a journalism major at the University of Montana, will join the publications program to assist on a variety of marketing and editorial projects.

## **Preserve America Communities Eligible for Grant Funds**

The State Historic Preservation Office has added one more way for communities to fund their cultural and heritage tourism efforts: the Montana Rural Heritage Experience *Preserve America* sub-grants. The deadline for applications is July 10. The sub-grants, available to *Preserve America* communities will range from \$3,000 to \$15,000 and will require a non-federal match. The sub-grant program gives the Society another way to help rural communities preserve their cultural and heritage resources and promote their irreplaceable assets.

Melisa Kaiser Synness will participate in a session to discuss the *Preserve America* sub-grants and other cultural and heritage tourism funding opportunities at the fourth annual preservation conference "Doin' Time in Deer Lodge," June 24-26. Travel funds and scholarships are available for preservationists to attend the conference. For grant guidelines and information, contact Melisa Kaiser Synness at mkaisersynness@mt.gov.

## **History Happenings**

The Montana Historical Society Research Center has partnered with the Montana State Library to provide Montana residents **access to a digital library of Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps** on the worldwide web. For the past several years the Missoula Preservation Office paid for the subscription; the Society and State Library have now assumed that cost. Sanborn maps exist of over 300 Montana communities. These maps document each structure on every street, beginning in 1884 in some towns and continuing up to the 1950s. They provide an incredible resource for looking at town growth and development. The Sanborn maps are valuable to historians, architects, genealogists, government planners, and developers. If you

are interested in accessing these maps from your home computer, contact the Society at <a href="mailto:mhslibrary@mt.gov">mhslibrary@mt.gov</a> or 406-444-2681 for the username and password.

The Anaconda Company's sale of its newspapers, the Northern Pacific Railroad's 1872 Yellowstone Survey, western artist William Ranney, and dinosaur discoveries are just some of the topics explored in the upcoming issue of *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. Magazines will be available on newsstands in mid-July. To subscribe, call 1-800-243-9900.

The Secretary of the Interior has recognized the **Butte-Anaconda National Historic Landmark** for its significance to the history of labor. The enlarged landmark includes Butte and Anaconda and the railroad connecting the sister cities. It constitutes the largest NHL in the West, covering nearly 10,000 acres with over 6,000 contributing resources. Recognition was the result of fourteen years of determined effort on the part of Montana's historic preservation community—including the staff at SHPO, Montana Preservation Alliance, and local preservation groups in Butte and Anaconda.

The Society awarded its annual **Bradley Fellowship** to Andrew Graybill, assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska. The fellowship will support his research into the Cypress Hills Massacre. The massacre occurred in 1873, when a group of Montana wolf trappers crossed the border with Canada in search of some stolen horses. Fueled by alcohol and racial prejudice, the Americans raped, murdered, and dismembered thirty Assiniboine men and women. The episode caused an international incident; the killers were captured, tried, and released. Professor Graybill arrives on June 13 for a four-week residency in the Research Center and will report his findings in an article for *Montana The Magazine of Western History*.

The Montana Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office is inviting the public to participate in its **2006 Montana Preservation Questionnaire**. The questionnaire's goal is to gather ideas and recommendations to help the Preservation Office prioritize its resources. The questionnaire will be available at <a href="www.mhs/mt.gov/shpo/default.asp">www.mhs/mt.gov/shpo/default.asp</a> by July 1 or by calling 406-444-7715. Questionnaires should be returned to Rolene Schliesman at <a href="mailto:reservation">reservation</a> Office, PO Box 201202, Helena, MT 59620-1202.

Volunteer Diane Myrah has completed an **inventory of the Society's extensive map collection**, which includes 5,000 historical maps of Montana and the region. This inventory is the first step toward needed conservation of the collection.

The Society's Interpretive Historian Ellen Baumler will partner with Helena's popular Tour Train Trolley this summer to conduct two special evening tours of Helena's historic cemeteries. She will also share her Spirit Tailings program—based on her two books—in Billings, Virginia City, Salmon Lake, and Missoula. Other members of the Society's staff are also **presenting programs across the state:** Archivist Rich Aarstad will take one of the Society's educational trunks to the Missouri Headwaters State Park to talk about the fur trade in Montana. Research Center Director Molly Kruckenberg will discuss cookbooks and cooking at the Meagher/Wheatland County Book Fest in White Sulphur Springs. And Research Historian Dave Walter will take his perennial favorite, "Jerks in Montana History" to Seeley Lake and Belgrade (see calendar for details).

Montana Historical Society Trustees President Lee Rostad of Martinsdale praised the **Friends of the Montana Historical Society** for their vast contributions to state history and heritage at the spring volunteer luncheon. The 135 volunteers worked over 8,300 hours at the Society last year, the equivalent of more than three full-time employees. Members of the Friends gave tours, catalogued collections, and helped with numerous other tasks. In addition to volunteering their time, the Friends also donated money to purchase an LCD projector for the Boo Auditorium and a hi-speed tape duplicator for the Society's oral history department. For the first time, the Friends also offered small college scholarships to two of their members: high school seniors Tanner Mitchell and Rachel Spangler. Mitchell has volunteered at the Society for five years. Spangler has been an active volunteer since last September, coming in at least weekly to transcribe oral histories.

This year's **Youth Heritage Festival** in April again brought students from all Montana Heritage Project schools together to present their work to each other, to the State of Montana, and to the Library of Congress. For the second year in a row, three of the Project's outstanding scholar-writers (Jamie



Halliday, Bigfork; Shannon Flynn, Broadwater; and Lindsey Appell, Roundup) read portions of their research papers. The event also featured Chester composer and pianist Philip Aaberg, who premiered "Small Town, Big Heart," a composition he wrote to honor Montana Heritage Project students and teachers. Then, in May, four Broadwater High School students traveled with their teachers Darlene Beck and Julie Diehl to represent the Project at the Library of Congress. More information about the Youth Heritage Festival is available at <a href="http://www.montanaheritageproject.org/index.php/fieldnotes/2006-youth-heritage-festival/">http://www.montanaheritageproject.org/index.php/fieldnotes/2006-youth-heritage-festival/</a>.

Broadwater High School senior Shannon Flynn presents her work on the 2000 Toston-Maudlow fire at the Youth Heritage Festival.

To promote the Society's tours, outreach resources, and on-line materials, the Education Office has produced a new brochure: **Discover the Past!** It features the Society's educational footlockers, which cover topics ranging from archaeology to architecture; thematic, age-appropriate tours of the Society's exhibit galleries; tours of the Original Governor's Mansion and the Montana State Capitol; and such new initiatives as *Montana Mosaic*, the NEH-funded DVD and companion website focusing on twentieth century Montana history. For a copy of the brochure—which will be distributed at conferences across the state—contact 406-444-4789 or <a href="mailto:jsaylor@mt.gov">jsaylor@mt.gov</a>. The Society has also created a new promotional brochure for the **Original Governor's Mansion**. The brochure will be distributed throughout the state. For a copy (or for multiple copies for distribution), contact 406-444-4710 or <a href="mailto:krouns@mt.gov">krouns@mt.gov</a>.

The Thexton Ranch near Ennis, properties on the 2600 block of Montana Avenue in Billings, and the



This granary on the Thexton Ranch was one of several properties recently listed in the National Register.

Babb-Peigan, Montana, Inspection Station, on US 89 near the United States and Canada border were all listed in the National Register of Historic Places this spring. The Montana Historical Society's preservation office coordinates the Statewide Preservation Review Board and shepherds National Register nominations through an intensive nomination process. These successful listings represent very different aspects of Montana history, illustrating the wide variety of sites in Montana worthy of preservation.

Staff changes have come to the Research Center. **Roberta Gebhardt** has joined the Society as Technical Services Librarian. She comes to the position from the State Library, where she worked as a state documents cataloguer. **Rich Aarstad**, who came to work at the Society in 2001 has left his position as the Library's Reference Historian for a new challenge in the Archives. His new title is Archivist/Oral Historian. The Research Center hopes to fill the Reference Historian position shortly.

The Society welcomes new full-time security officer **Barbara** (**Bobbi**) **Tickett** and welcomes back part-time officer **Dan Stockburger**. Society volunteer **Rachel Spangler** will work part time as a security guard this summer before heading off to college in the fall.

The Society will celebrate **American Indian Heritage Day**, Friday, September 22, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with activities for school groups and tours of the Society's newest exhibit, *Neither Empty Nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark*. Activities will focus on Plains Indian life in 1805. Kids will learn about animal tracking, hides, and furs, they will examine stone tool technology, throw an atlatl, make pemmican, witness a tipi raising, make an Exploit robe, see fire-making technology, and play Indian games of skill and intuition. A grant from the National Park Service Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail supports this special day of activities. To bring a class to participate, call the Education Office at 406-444-4789 for reservations.

Each spring the Friends of the Montana Historical Society, the Society's volunteer organization, select their favorite article from the previous year's *Montana The Magazine of Western History*. The winner of the **2005 Friends' Choice Award** is the Society's Interpretive Historian Ellen Baumler for her article "The Masonic Apron of Meriwether Lewis and the Legacy of Masonry in Montana," published in the Winter 2005 issue: <a href="http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/pub/magazine/Winter2005.asp">http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.com/pub/magazine/Winter2005.asp</a>.

### Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all of the programs are **free**, **open to the public**, at the Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts.

June 17, 12:30 p.m.: **Jeannette Rankin: A Political Woman**. Join Jim Lopach and Jean Luckowski, professors at the University of Montana, for a presentation on their new book on Montana suffragist, pacifist, and politician Jeannette Rankin.

June 22, 6:30 p.m.: Neither Empty Nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark. The Society's Curator of Historic Objects, George Oberst, will give a behind-the-scenes tour of the Society's newest exhibit in the final stages of production. See what life was like in this area we now call Montana, at the time of Lewis and Clark.

June 25, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Original Governor's Mansion Secret Garden Tour. The fun begins at the Original Governor's Mansion, 304 North Ewing Street, Helena. Participants will enjoy a self-guided tour of the Mansion, a garden marketplace, an antique car show, musical entertainment, and ticket holders will be provided maps to see six spectacular private gardens throughout Helena. Lunch by Benny's Bistro will be available at the Mansion. Tickets are \$10 for adults in advance; \$12 at the Mansion on tour day. For more information, call 406-444-4710.

July 6, 6:30 p.m.: Jay Cooke's Gamble: The Northern Pacific Railroad, the Sioux, and the Panic of 1873. Historian John Lubetkin will discuss his latest book, Jay Cooke's Gamble: The Northern Pacific Railroad, the Sioux, and the Panic of 1873.

July 12 and August 15, 6:30 p.m.: **Helena's Historic Cemeteries**. Join Society Interpretive Historian Ellen Baumler on the Helena Tour Train Trolley and learn about seven historic Helena cemeteries. For reservations and ticket information, call 406-442-1023.

July 13, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: **Under the Tent—Montana Dances.** Kids are invited to join us for an afternoon of dancing! Learn how to square dance, do the hokey pokey, cowboy/western, and Irish dancing to name just a few.

*July 20:* **Ceremonial Uses of Native Plants.** Joe LaFountaine shares his knowledge of the ceremonial uses of native plants.

August 3, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: **Under the Tent—Montana Mosaic.** Kids will tap into their creative nature as they make pictographs, sculptures, mural painting, printmaking, and work with a collage of natural materials.

August 10, 6:30 p.m.: **Another Attempt at Rescue.** Indian Education Academic Specialist with the Montana Office of Public Instruction, and former teacher and administrator on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, poet M. L. Smoker will discuss her book that deals with assimilation, life in contemporary society, and the draw of the tribe and reservation.

September 21, 6:30 p.m.: **Neither Empty Nor Unknown: Montana at the Time of Lewis and Clark.** Join us for the grand opening of this 4,600-square-foot, permanent exhibit exploring the people, flora, and fauna of 1805 Montana.

September 22, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: American Indian Heritage Day. The Society will mark the day with children's activities focusing on Native American life on the Plains in 1805. Call 406-444-4789 for reservations.

September 23, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Free Admission to the Society. Come see the new exhibit, Neither Empty Nor Unknown, and learn through interactives about the Missouri River ecosystem and tribal life in 1805.

## **Conferences and Workshops**

*June 19-20:* **Montana Heritage Project Summer Conference on Place-Based Learning**, Butte. Contact Marcella Sherfy, 406-444-1759 or msherfy@mt.gov for information.

June 24-26: State Historic Preservation Office and Montana Preservation Alliance Preservation Workshop, Deer Lodge. Contact Rolene Schliesman, 406-444-7742 or <a href="mailto:rschliesman@mt.gov">rschliesman@mt.gov</a> for information.

June 26-28: **Montana Mosaic: 20<sup>th</sup>-Century People and Events Teacher Institute**, Carroll College, Helena. Contact Linda Wruck at 406-444-4794 or <a href="https://www.uck.gov">www.uck.gov</a> for information.

September 28-30: Our Place in the West: Views from the Yellowstone River Valley, the Thirty-third Annual History Conference, Billings. Contact Linda Wruck at 406-444-4794 or <a href="mailto:lwruck@mt.gov">lwruck@mt.gov</a> for information.

## Society on the Road

June 24, 7:00 p.m.: **Empire of Fur.** Society's Archivist and Oral Historian Rich Aarstad will bring one of the Society's educational footlockers to discuss the fur trade. He will present in the picnic area of the Missouri Headwaters State Park, near Three Forks.

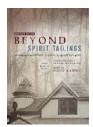
August 4, 1:30 p.m.: A Taste of Montana: A History of Cookbooks and Cooking in Montana. MHS Research Center Director Molly Kruckenberg will dish up a portion of this special history at the Meagher / Wheatland County Book Fest at the City Hall in White Sulphur Springs.

August 19, time TBA: **Jerks in Montana History**. Society Research Historian Dave Walter presents an evening program at Salmon Lake State Park, 5 miles south of Seeley Lake

August 25, time TBA: **Jerks in Montana History**. Society Research Historian Dave Walter presents an evening program at Big Larch Campground, one mile north of Seeley Lake

September 14, time TBA: Jerks in Montana History. Society Research Historian Dave Walter presents an evening program at the Belgrade Community Library, 106 North Broadway, Belgrade

### MHS Press Authors on the Road



Interpretive Historian Ellen Baumler will tell historical ghost tales based on work conducted for *Spirit Tailings* and *Beyond Spirit Tailings*, both published by the Montana Historical Society Press. She will appear at the following venues this summer:

July 23, 2:00 p.m.: Billings. Barnes and Noble, 530 S. 24th St. W.

July 15 and August 12, 8:00 p.m.: Salmon Lake State Park, 5 miles south of Seeley Lake

August 2, 6:30 p.m.: Virginia City. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 102 E. Idaho Street

August 24, 7:00 p.m.: Missoula. Fort Missoula Historical Museum, Bldg. 322, Fort Missoula.

### Hours

### Montana's Museum

Through September 30: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m.

Closed holidays. \$5.00 per adult, \$1.00 per student, \$12.00 per family.

#### **Museum Store**

Through September 30: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed holidays. No admission fee.

### **Research Center**

*Library and Archives*: Tuesdays-Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays, and holiday weekends. No admission fee.

*Photograph Archives*: Tuesdays-Fridays, 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends, Mondays, and holidays. No admission fee.

### **Capitol Guided Tours**

*Through September 30:* Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; last tour begins at 2:00 p.m. Sundays, 12:00-4:00 p.m.; last tour begins at 3:00 p.m.

Closed holidays. Self-guided tour brochures available upon request at the security desk on the first floor. Groups call 406-444-4789 for reservations.

### **Original Governor's Mansion**

*Through September 30*: Tuesdays-Saturdays, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Tours begin on the hour; last tour begins at 3:00 p.m.

Closed holidays. \$4 per adult, \$1 per student, \$10 per family. Groups call 406-444-4789 for reservations.